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the Artful Teacher

## About Me

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Greetings from Nova Scotia, Canada! We are a province located on the Atlantic Ocean. Nova Scotia is referred to as "Canada's Ocean Playground" because our province is almost completely surrounded by water.

I teach and live in the city of Dartmouth. My elementary school has about 125 students from grades Primary to Six. It's a real gem in the middle of our city!

I am currently teaching Grade 3/4 and Resource. I completed a Masters of Literacy program from Mount Saint Vincent University. During my studies, I became interested in Art Based Learning. An Art Based approach is inquiry based and group orientated. This pedagogy involves having students incorporate visual arts, movement, music and drama as a way to think critically and develop creative problem solving skills. This website is dedicated to linking visual art and quality literature to writing.

## Testimoni

" I love painting and writing together. I've never done it before. It's so much fun !"

-Kayanna Rose Young  
Grade 3

## A little more about me....



### Art Show: Something Beautiful

In 2012, my Grade Fours reconstructed a house based on a book a student found in our classroom library. The book was about the life of a famous local Folk Artist, Maud Lewis. Inspired by her life and art, they not only reconstructed her small house, students created an amazing art show. You never know what a book might inspire!

To read more go to this link. (pg.11)

[http://www.stairsmemorial.ca/files/echo/2012/The\\_Echo\\_Dec\\_2012.pdf](http://www.stairsmemorial.ca/files/echo/2012/The_Echo_Dec_2012.pdf)



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